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1. The Hauptabteilung Grenzpolizei (Border Police Department) of the Main Administration of German Volkspolizei (HVDVP) includes the Section Ring um Berlin which controls three Grenzbereitschaften.
2. The headquarters of the VP Grenzbereitschaft of the Ring um Berlin was located on Ernst Thaelmannplatz, Falkensee. Polizeikommandeur Wolff, (fnu), was CO and Oberpolizeirat Voigt, (fnu), PK-Leiter. An Oberpolizeirat was chief of staff; five Polizeimeister were instructors; a Kommissar was in charge of personnel affairs; two Kommissare, two Polizeimeister and one Hauptwachtmeister were engaged in criminal police duties; one Polizeimeister was in charge of supply service, one in charge of motor transport service, one in charge of the ordnance room and one in charge of medical service. A Hauptwachtmeister was in charge of ration supply service.
3. Kommandantur I of the Grenzbereitschaft was located in Falkensee, on the road leading to Spandau. One Polizeirat was chief and another PK-Leiter. A Kommissar was chief of staff; two Polizeimeister were instructors; A Hauptwachtmeister was in charge of the orderly room; an Oberwachtmeister was mess NCO; another Oberwachtmeister ran the ordnance room; a Hauptwachtmeister was supply NCO; an Oberwachtmeister was in charge of confiscated items; one Kommissar, a Polizeimeister, a Hauptwachtmeister and two Oberwachtmeister performed criminal police functions; an Oberwachtmeister was in charge of medical service, and four or five other Oberwachtmeister and 10 Wachtmeister performed

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various unknown auxiliary functions at Kommandantur I.

4. One Kommando of Kommandantur I was located in Falkensee. The location of the other four Kommandos could not be specified. Each Kommandantur controls five Kommandos.
5. The personnel of a Kommando includes a Kommissar as chief, a Hauptwachtmeister or Polizeimeister as PK-Leiter, an Überwachtmeister as supply NCO, an Überwachtmeister as NCO in charge of confiscated items, three Überwachtmeister as squad leaders, 30 Wachtmeister in the squads and one Polizeimeister and one Hauptwachtmeister in criminal police service.
6. Kommandantur II of the Grenzbereitschaft was located in Hennigsdorf. Polizeirat Zohlen, (fnu), was chief and Polizeirat Koerner, (fnu), PK-Leiter of the Kommandantur. The 1st Kommando was located at the Velten checkpoint, the 2nd at the Velten crossing point, the 3rd in Niederneuendorf, the 4th at the Oranienburg checkpoint and the 5th at the Oranienburg crossing point.
7. Kommandantur III of the Grenzbereitschaft was located in Gross Glienicke. It had Kommandos in Gross Glienicke, Seeburg, Dallgow, and in two other unknown locations.
8. The Grenzbereitschaft had a total strength of about 700 police. The headquarters was equipped with four trucks, two passenger cars and ten motorcycles. Each Kommandantur had two passenger cars and two or three motorcycles. Model 98-K carbines and models 08 and 33 pistols were the only arms observed.
9. About 55 percent of the personnel were in the SED group of the unit, and about 95 percent in the FDJ group of the unit.
10. Border police at checkpoints are assigned to check documents and baggage.
11. Kommandos, newly established at crossing points, by order of the Grenzbereitschaft on 20 May 1950, search all freight trains and baggage coaches of passenger trains for export articles banned under the provisions of the German Intra-state Trade Law. *

Comment. Available information on the new organization of the Volkspolizei of the Ring um Berlin is not sufficient to obtain a clear picture. It appears that the former Grenzbereitschaft Ring um Berlin was reorganized into three Grenzbereitschaften, each with 700 to 800 men, in the spring of 1950. There are vague indications that these three units may be located in Falkensee, Bernau and Teltow.

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